

# U.S. LABOR MARKET AND PRODUCTIVITY: 1970-2002

(employment in thousands)

Year	Civilian Employment	Unemployment Rate	Percent Change in Productivity	Percent Change in Unit Labor Costs
1970	78,678	4.9%	1.5%	5.6%
1971	79,367	5.9%	4.2%	2.2%
1972	82,153	5.6%	3.4%	2.8%
1973	85,064	4.9%	3.1%	5.0%
1974	86,794	5.6%	-1.5%	11.6%
1975	85,846	8.5%	2.7%	7.1%
1976	88,752	7.7%	3.8%	4.7%
1977	92,017	7.1%	1.5%	6.5%
1978	96,048	6.1%	1.3%	7.5%
1979	98,824	5.8%	-0.4%	10.0%
1980	99,303	7.1%	-0.3%	11.1%
1981	100,397	7.6%	1.3%	8.3%
1982	99,526	9.7%	-0.6%	8.1%
1983	100,834	9.6%	4.5%	-0.2%
1984	105,005	7.5%	2.2%	2.1%
1985	107,150	7.2%	1.3%	3.3%
1986	109,597	7.0%	3.1%	2.1%
1987	112,440	6.2%	0.4%	3.4%
1988	114,968	5.5%	1.3%	3.2%
1989	117,342	5.3%	0.8%	1.9%
1990	118,793	5.6%	1.1%	4.3%
1991	117,718	6.8%	1.2%	3.7%
1992	118,492	7.5%	3.7%	1.6%
1993	120,259	6.9%	0.5%	1.7%
1994	123,060	6.1%	1.3%	0.8%
1995	124,900	5.6%	0.9%	1.2%
1996	126,708	5.4%	2.5%	0.5%
1997	129,558	4.9%	2.0%	0.9%
1998	131,463	4.5%	2.6%	2.7%
1999	133,488	4.2%	2.4%	2.0%
2000	136,891	4.0%	2.9%	3.9%
2001	136,933	4.7%	1.1%	1.6%
2002	136,485	5.8%	4.8%	-2.3%

## Quarterly: \*

2001				
I	137,752	4.2%	-1.4%	4.3%
II	137,086	4.4%	-0.1%	0.3%
III	136,707	4.8%	2.1%	-1.1%
IV	136,218	5.6%	7.2%	-5.4%

## 2002

I	136,128	5.6%	8.6%	-5.3%
II	136,355	5.9%	1.7%	2.3%
III	136,804	5.8%	5.5%	-3.4%
IV	136,656	5.9%	0.7%	3.2%

## 2003

I	137,431	5.8%	1.6%	1.9%
II				
III				
IV				

\* Seasonally Adjusted